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Dear Ms. Egan:

It has been reported in the press that 93 uncounted ballots from November's election were found in the possession of King County REALS over the past two weeks. A report by precinct has been distributed showing that the majority of these ballots came from eastern King County including unincorporated King County. It is apparent that many of the mishandled ballots came from precincts that are located in my council district.

I believe it is imperative that voters with mishandled ballots receive immediate notification of the status of their ballots. There is presently an election contest proceeding in Chelan County and persons whose ballots weren't counted may have an interest in joining that lawsuit. To secure their rights in this regard the affected parties must be timely notified of the status of their ballot.

Please consider this a formal request that you release to my office the names and addresses of those 93 people whose ballots were left uncounted in the 2004 general election. To ensure clarity, I desire the names and addresses of those persons connected with 93 ballots referenced in your recent press releases of the past week, referenced in last Friday's email from Don Porter to counsel in the Chelan County election contest and represented in the April 2, 2005 "Untabulated Ballots Report by Precinct" (see attached). It is my intention to notify these persons regarding the status of their ballot.

Because my constituent's rights as voters may be compromised by delay, I ask that you contact my office to explain any anticipated delays and discuss possible solutions. You may contact my Chief of Staff Jeff Cox at (206) 296-1619.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Regards,

Steve Hammond
Metropolitan King County Councilmember, 9th District

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